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No Viet Nam war in Central America!

**A CALL TO ACTION
JULY 2 WASH, D.C.**

"We seek no wider war."—Lyndon Johnson
"There is no thought of sending American combat troops to Central America."—Ronald Reagan

In 1963 the U.S. government decided to escalate the Viet Nam war. What was the result? 300,000 GIs wounded and 57,000 dead. Over \$150 billion spent on a cruel, illegal, and unjust war that finally had to be abandoned.

Today, violating the War Powers Act and the Constitution, the new hawks are repeating Viet Nam in Central America and the Caribbean. At this very moment the Reagan administration is pouring hundreds of millions of dollars into the shaky regimes of El Salvador and Guatemala. The number of U.S. "advisers" is increasing. The Pentagon is building a base in Honduras. The White House is backing an army of counter-revolutionaries against Nicaragua, and is threatening Cuba and Grenada.

Ignored is the lesson of Viet Nam: No amount of brute force can eradicate popular movements fighting poverty and political repression.

There is another Viet Nam lesson. **The people of this country have minds of their own.** By the millions, they progressed from dissatisfaction, to disagreement, to militant opposition to the war.

Today, the vast majority of the American people oppose a new war in Central America. The crying need of the hour is for jobs, social services, and an end to racism and sexism here, not for wasting billions of dollars and human lives on war.

If ever there was a time to unify and close ranks against these war policies, it is NOW! If ever there was a time to build an anti-war response on a broad basis, it is NOW!

A mass action is needed to bring us together and show the policy makers the strength of our opposition. We have such an opportunity.

On **SATURDAY, JULY 2**, Reagan and his top civilian and military officials are invited to attend the gala Independence Day Ball in Washington at the Shoreham Hotel. We urge you to join us that day in a rally at the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial. Then we will march to the Shoreham Hotel to raise our voices in unified protest.

JOIN WITH US!

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